

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (cancelled).

13. (Currently amended) A photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
- b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and ~~in an amount sufficient to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate suitable for dilution to a working strength solution, said concentrate having a pH value of between 4 and 9~~ wherein the liquid concentrate has to be diluted with water before use.

14. (Currently amended) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said source of phosphate ions is ~~an inorganic phosphate~~ present in an amount sufficient to form a storage-stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate.

15. (Currently amended) The concentrate of ~~claim 14~~ claim 13, wherein said ~~source of phosphate ions is phosphoric acid~~ concentrate has a pH value of between 4 and 9.

16. (Currently amended) The concentrate of ~~claim 14~~ claim 13, wherein said source of phosphate ions is ~~a phosphate salt~~ an inorganic phosphate or a phosphoric acid.

17. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 16, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen

phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.

18. (Currently amended) The concentrate of claim 16, including a pH modifying substance, wherein said pH modifying substance is a member selected from the group consisting of an acid, an alkali and a buffer substance.

19. (Currently amended) The concentrate of claim 18, wherein said pH modifying substance ~~is a member selected from the group consisting of inorganic and organic acids~~ said organic acid.

20. (Currently amended) The concentrate of ~~claim 19~~ claim 18, wherein said ~~inorganic acid~~ is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid and ~~sulfuric acids~~ sulfuric acid.

21. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 19 wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.

22. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said iron (III) compound is selected from the group consisting of iron (III) salts and iron (III) complexes of aminopolycarboxylic acid.

23. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 22, wherein said iron (III) aminopolycarboxylic complex is ferric ammonium EDTA.

24. (previously presented) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said thiosulfate salt is ammonium thiosulfate.

25- 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

- a) a ferric carboxylic acid complex bleaching agent,
- b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate ~~suitable for dilution to a working strength solution,~~ that has to be diluted with water before use and said concentrate having a pH value of between 5 and 6.5.

29. (Currently amended) A method for stabilizing a one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
- b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and
- c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate ~~suitable for dilution to a working strength solution,~~

which method comprises the steps of introducing a source of phosphate ions into said concentrate in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation, ~~and maintaining said concentrate at a pH value of between 4 and 9~~ wherein that liquid concentrate has to be diluted with water before use.

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 29, wherein said source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate present in an amount sufficient to form a storage-stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate.
31. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 30~~ claim 29, wherein said ~~inorganic phosphate is phosphoric acid~~ method comprises the step of maintaining said concentrate at a pH value of between 4 and 9.
32. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 30~~ claim 29, wherein said ~~inorganic phosphate is a phosphate salt~~ source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate or a phosphoric acid.
33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.
34. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 32~~ claim 29, including a pH modifying substance wherein said pH modifying substance is a member selected from the group consisting of an acid, an alkali and a buffer substance.
35. (Currently amended) The method of claim 34, wherein said pH modifying substance is ~~selected from the group consisting of inorganic and organic acids~~ said organic acid.

36. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 34, wherein said ~~inorganic~~ acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric acid and ~~sulfuric acids~~ sulfuric acid.
37. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.
38. (Currently amended) A photographic processing kit comprising a one-part bleach fix concentrate, said concentrate comprising:
- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
 - b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and
 - c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach fix liquid concentrate ~~suitable for dilution to a working strength solution~~ that has to be diluted with water before use, said concentrate having a pH value of between about 4 and about 7.
39. (Cancelled)
40. (New) A process for regenerating a bleach-fix bath which comprises diluting a photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate with water before use for regenerating the bleach-fix bath and wherein said one part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprises:
- a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,
 - b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and
 - c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation.

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